GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2393
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SUBMARINE CABLE LANDING STATION
Mollah Shri Hannan

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for setting up a Submarine Cable Landing Station in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has examined the proposal; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Proposal has been received for setting up a Submarine Cable Landing Station at Haldia in West Bengal.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The proposal has been examined by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.(BSNL), the Government telecom operator. At the time of commencing International Long Distance (ILD) services, BSNL shall consider Haldia as one of the options for setting up landing point for submarine cable.